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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-USER CHARGES

1. PAN AM HAS NOTIFIED DOT THAT GOP PLANS TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL LANDING FEES BY 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 1. ACCORDING TO PAA, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 498 INSTRUCTED PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL LANDING FEES WHILE DECREASING DOMESTIC USER FEES. THIS WAS TO RESULT IN A NET INCREASE IN USER CHARGES REVENUES FOR THE GOP.

2. PAN AM SAYS FURTHER THAT IATA DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAMMARSKJOLD HAS ASKED GOP TO DELAY IMPOSITION OF INCREASED CHARGES UNTIL IATA CHARGES GROUP CAN MEET IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATE MARCH (PRESUMABLY WITH GOP OFFICIALS).

3. ASSUMING EMBASSY SOUNDINGS CONFIRM PAN AM COMPLAINT, DEPT SUGGESTS, SUBJECT EMBASSY VIEWS, THAT EMBASSY APPROACH GOP ASAP AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO URGE DELAY UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH AIRLINES. NOTE THAT ICAO PRINCIPLES REGARDING USER CHARGES PROVIDE BOTH

THAT INCREASES SHALL BE IMPOSED GRADUALLY AND THAT THEY SHALL BE IMPOSED ONLY AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE AIRLINES INVOLVED. IN ADDITION, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT

THE PROPOSED CHARGES OBSERVE YET A THIRD PRINCIPLE, THAT THERE SHALL BE A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHARGES AND COSTS. (FYI. INDIA DELAYED AND UTLIMATELY SHARPLY REDUCED PROPOSED INCREASES AFTER SIMILAR APPROACHES BY IATA AND EMBASSIES LAST DECEMBER. END FYI).

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO BRING TO GOP ATTENTION THAT INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 REQUIRES DOT TO MONITOR USER CHARGES AROUND THE WORLD AND INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATORY USER CHARGES, POSSIBLY LEADING TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS AND, SHOULD THESE FAIL, COMPENSATORY CHARGES IN THE U.S.

5. EITHER IN CONJUNCTION WITH ABOVE APPROACH OR SEPARATELY, EMBASSY SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT PHILIPPINE COSTS FOR LANDING AND NAVIGATION SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH TABLE OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES, SO THAT DOT CAN MAKE INFORMED JUDGMENT ON WHETHER PHILIPPINE CHARGES ARE COST-JUSTIFIED. ANY BACKGROUND ON REASONS BEHIND DECREE NO. 498 WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. (76 STATE 13572, PARTICULARLY PARAS. 3FF, AND 76 STATE 134384 ARE BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND. WHILE PROBLEM IN VENEZUELA RELATED ONLY TO NAVIGATION CHARGES, GENERAL PRINCIPLES REMAIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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